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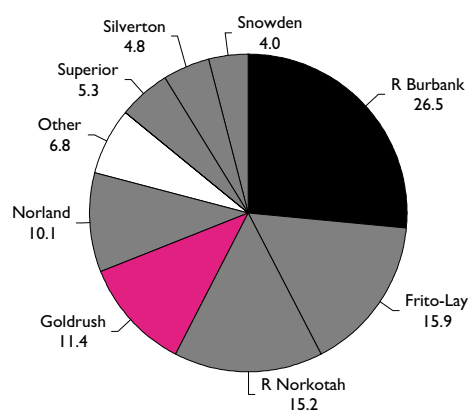
The first potato production forecast for the 2001 season set Wisconsin's production at 32.0 million hundredweight (cwt.), a five percent decline from the 2000 crop. A yield of 385 cwt. per acre is forecast for this year. Wisconsin's planted acreage declined to 84,000 this year, and harvested acres are forecast at 83,000.

Nationally, production of fall potatoes for 2001 will be the smallest crop since 1993. Production, at 401 million cwt, fell 14 percent from the record high production of 2000. Area harvested, at 1.09 million acres, is down 8 percent. The average yield is forecast at 367 cwt. per acre, a drop of 25 cwt. from last year.

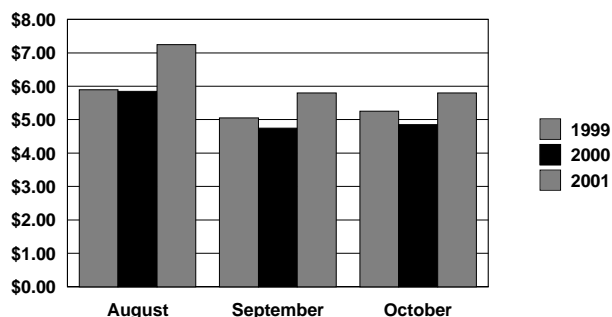
Twenty of the twenty-two fall producing states are forecasting a smaller crop. Only Indiana and Massachusetts have larger crops this year. Shortages of irrigation water severely reduced acreage in the Klamath Basin of California and Oregon. Hot, dry weather stretched across the north central states and to the east coast during midsummer but subsided as rains came near the end of August. Most states reported reduced yields from the hot weather. Disease problems were held to a minimum, and harvest was completed on time.

The eight major potato producing states, accounting for 89 percent of the U.S. fall potato production, conducted a variety survey. Russet Burbank was the most popular variety of potatoes in Wisconsin, being planted on nearly 27 percent of the acreage. Nearly 16 percent were Frito-Lay varieties and about 15 percent were planted to Russet Norkotah. Other popular varieties planted in Wisconsin were: Goldrush, Red Norland, Superior and Silverton.

**Potato Varieties Planted
Wisconsin, 2001**



**Potatoes: Prices Received by Farmers
Wisconsin, 1999 - 2001**



POTATOES

Seasonal group and state	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield		Production	
	2000	Indicated 2001	2000	Indicated 2001	2000	Indicated 2001	2000	Indicated 2001
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres		Cwt.		1,000 cwt.	
Winter	17.2	16.8	17.0	14.0	292	294	4,960	4,115
Spring	77.4	74.1	75.6	72.5	290	269	21,921	19,500
Summer	66.1	61.4	63.2	59.2	304	296	19,236	17,503
Fall								
California	8.7	2.5	8.7	2.5	430	445	3,741	1,113
Colorado	75.8	68.1	75.6	67.8	370	315	27,972	21,357
Idaho	415.0	370.0	413.0	368.0	369	348	152,320	127,980
Indiana	3.0	3.1	2.8	2.9	280	320	784	928
Maine	64.0	62.0	64.0	62.0	280	260	17,920	16,120
Massachusetts	2.8	2.8	2.5	2.8	255	260	638	728
Michigan	49.0	47.5	47.5	46.0	315	305	14,963	14,030
Minnesota	66.0	59.0	59.0	57.0	360	340	21,240	19,380
Montana	11.5	9.6	11.3	9.5	310	320	3,503	3,040
Nebraska	26.0	22.5	24.7	22.4	410	380	10,127	8,512
Nevada	7.0	6.5	7.0	6.5	450	340	3,150	2,210
New Mexico	6.8	4.2	6.8	4.2	400	340	2,720	1,428
New York	22.0	23.5	21.3	23.3	280	255	5,964	5,942
North Dakota	124.0	118.0	110.0	107.0	245	240	26,950	25,680
Ohio	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.1	270	240	1,134	984
Oregon	57.0	45.0	56.5	44.5	543	470	30,683	20,900
Pennsylvania	13.5	14.0	13.0	13.5	270	235	3,510	3,173
Rhode Island	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	275	270	138	135
South Dakota	3.5	2.8	2.8	2.6	290	150	812	390
Utah	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.3	290	265	435	345
Washington	175.0	160.0	175.0	160.0	600	590	105,000	94,400
WISCONSIN	86.0	84.0	84.5	83.0	400	385	33,800	31,955
Total	1,223.0	1,111.1	1,192.2	1,091.4	392	367	467,504	400,730
United States	1,383.7	1,263.4	1,348.0	1,237.1	381	357	513,621	441,848

Source: Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service.